

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 10, 2004 presents the examination of claims 12-54. All of these claims remain pending; claims 12, 16, 24, 26, 28, 30, 49 and 52 are amended.

Support for amendments

The amendments to claims 12 and 49 are supported by the specification at page 5, lines 10 and 29-34. Applicants submit that the generic disclosure that the base paste and the catalyst paste are spatially separated from each other, without specific mention of the disposition of the plasticizer into either paste, allows for the presence of the plasticizer in either paste or in both. The Examiner should note that the description at lines 29-34, which mentions an embodiment in which the catalyst paste contains the component (f), is written in permissive, not mandatory, terms.

The lower endpoint now recited in claims 24, 26, 28 and 30 is stated at page 7, line 24. "Substituted barbituric acid[s]" as "barbituric acid derivatives" are exemplified at page 8, lines 20-25.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

Claims 12-54 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 12 and 49 are rejected for lack of clarity of the term "barbituric acid derivatives. This term is amended to "barbituric acid or a substituted barbituric acid", thus overcoming this rejection.

Claims 24, 26, 28 and 30 were rejected for lack of antecedent basis for the term "0... wt%". These claims are amended to recite a lower end point of 0.05 wt%, thus overcoming this rejection.

"Or" is deleted from claims 16 and 52.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph

Claims 12-54 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enabling disclosure in the specification. The Examiner asserts as to claim 12 that the specification fails to disclose how to make a paste comprising only the constituents (d) and (e), without a plasticizer (component (f)). The Examiner similarly asserts as to claim 49 that the specification fails to disclose how to make a "paste" from a solid peroxyester and a solid barbituric acid without including a plasticizer.

The claims 12 and 49 are amended to recite that the paste which contains the initiator system also includes a plasticizer. Thus, the instant rejection should be withdrawn.

The present application well-describes and claims patentable subject matter. The favorable action of allowance of the pending

claims and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for one (1) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application. The required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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